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APPLICANTS:

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METHOD FOR OPERATING A WELDING DEVICE AND ONE

SUCH WELDING DEVICE

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(2)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2007, for two months from August 24, 2007 to October 24, 2007. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(2), is a check in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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